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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Yoshihiro TAKASHIMIZU et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2152**

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Examiner: **Dohm Chankong**

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THROUGH A NETWORK (As Amended)**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.